GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3093
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MISUSE OF EPHEDRINE AND PSEUDOEPHEDRINE
JAI PRAKASH

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases relating to misuse of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine are on rampant and are being diverted to manufacture of synthetic drug amphetamine type stimulants (ATS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the U.N.O., General Assembly had devoted to theworld drug problem adopted ATS as one of the area of focus needs a time bound action; and

(d) if so, the details of the action being taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) & (b): Sir, No case of manufacture of synthetic drugs, ATS in India by diverted ephedrine and pseudoephedrine has come to notice.

c) : Yes, Sir.

d) : Export of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine has been restricted. These two chemicals are allowed to be exported only after obtaining a `No Objection Certificate` from the Narcotics Commissioner of India.These have been declared as `controlled substances` under section 2 of the NDPS Act, 1985 in December, 1999.All manufacturers, importers, exporters, sellers and consumers of these chemicals are now required to maintain records and file returns with the Zonal Directors of the Narcotics Control Bureau.